

**CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
JULY 21, 2015 AGENDA**

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
APPROVAL TO PURCHASE POLICE K-9	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	BOB LAUSTEN POLICE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the purchase of a police service dog (K-9) from Kasseburg Canine, New Market, AL, in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.

FISCAL IMPACT

The police department has restricted K-9 Donation funds and Forfeiture Funds available for the purchase.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval

BACKGROUND

The police department has a need to replace a police K-9. The department purchased "Hart" in September 2013 from Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania. Hart was a "green" German Shepard, meaning he had no pre-certifications. Hart came with a 12-month workability warranty.

Nebraska has adopted K-9 certification standards (called PSP) that require any police K-9 to be certified in either patrol work (protection/tracking/etc) and/or narcotics detection. A K-9 that is certified in both is called a "dual-purpose" dog. That is the type of K-9 La Vista Police and the agencies in the Metro area use. Hart went through initial training with his handler and was dual-certified in January 2014. Certification is required on a "once a year" basis, meaning Hart is required to certify sometime in 2015. Hart was able to certify in narcotics detection, but has not and in the opinion of the certification panel (Nebraska State Patrol and Omaha Police trainers) will not meet certification standards. Therefore, it is our opinion that Hart be replaced.

We have selected Kasseburg Canine of New Market, Alabama, as our K-9 vendor. The Bellevue Police Department and Nebraska State Patrol purchase their K-9s from Kasseburg. We are proposing to purchase a pre-titled Belgian Malinois in an amount not to exceed \$9,500. The Bellevue Police Department is also purchasing a new K-9 at the same time. A training course would commence sometime in August-September in Bellevue.

The K-9 will be given a health screening from the police department's certified veterinarian prior to payment.

We are in the process of determining where to re-purpose Hart, however, he will not be placed to his handler.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, NEBRASKA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE K-9 FROM KASSEBURG CANINE, NEW MARKET, AL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,500.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Vista has determined that the purchase of a police K-9 is necessary, and

WHEREAS, the K-9 Donation account and Forfeiture accounts have funds available for the purchase of said K-9, and

WHEREAS, The La Vista Police Department did extensive research and recommends that the K-9 be purchased from said vendor, and

WHEREAS, Subsection (c) of Section 31.23 of the La Vista Municipal Code requires the City Administrator secure Council approval prior to authorizing any purchase over \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of La Vista, Nebraska, do hereby authorize the purchase of a police K-9 from Kasseburg Canine, New Market, AL, in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY, 2015.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk